

For the Week of May 13, 2019

### **Manager's Message**

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Please take the **Malletts Bay Sewer Project Survey** to help the Town get a fuller picture of residents' opinions regarding options to address the lack of effective septic treatment for properties on inner Malletts Bay. The problem of inadequate human waste disposal in this concentrated area remains unsolved and affects those who live along the Bay, as well as the larger community that enjoys the recreation opportunities the Bay offers. The Planning Commission will begin by listening to and considering community concerns. The survey will take about 5 minutes to complete. Thank you for your assistance. Visit: [tinyurl.com/ColchesterMBI](http://tinyurl.com/ColchesterMBI)

Questions about the survey? Contact Sean in Planning and Zoning at 264-5605. For more about the Town Manager's Office visit <http://colchestervt.gov/manager> or call (802) 264-5509.

### **Planning and Zoning Department** Sarah Hadd, Director

The Colchester Selectboard asked the Planning Commission to gather public input, develop options for addressing longstanding wastewater issues in the Inner Bay, and report back to the Selectboard in September 2019.

The Planning Commission will explore options to address wastewater pollution in Inner Malletts Bay. Options that the Commission will evaluate include:

- Extending the Town sewer line
- Developing community septic systems
- Buying up properties as they become available
- Installing composting toilets

The Planning Commission will begin by preparing objective materials to help residents consider these options. These materials will address issues related to land use/zoning, parks and recreation, transportation, and stormwater in Inner Malletts Bay.

The Colchester Planning Commission will hold events on May 20 to gather public input. We will have a "Walk and Talk" meeting starting at the Bayside Activity Center in Upper Bayside Park at 4:00 PM on May 20, and a Public Forum at 7:00 PM May 20th in the Colchester High School Cafeteria. You can also send comments and questions to Sarah Hadd, Director of Planning & Zoning at 802.264.5602, [SHadd@colchestervt.gov](mailto:SHadd@colchestervt.gov).

For further information or comment, please call Linda Gustainis at 802.264.5509

For more visit <http://colchestervt.gov/planningz> or call (802) 264-5600.

**Department of Public Works**  
Bryan Osborne, Director

- The contractor is making very good progress on the West Lakeshore Drive Shared-Use Path Project. The contract completion is scheduled for the end of August, 2019, however the work may be finished early.
- This summer's paving program is now underway. The first phase of the paving will be West Lakeshore Drive, from Prim Road to the Bayside intersection, and Blakely Road from Malletts Bay Avenue to Rt. 7. The second phase will include West Lakeshore Drive from Prim Road to Church Road following the completion of the bike path project, and then all of Church Road.
- We are continuing to advance the design for the reconstruction of the Prim and West Lakeshore Drive Intersection project
- While the Laker Lane/Blakely Road intersection project is ready to build and construct, it will now be deferred until next summer as the State did not expect the Town to advance the project so quickly and therefore had not programmed the construction funds for this year.
- Discussions with the CCRPC and VTrans are continuing to advance the design a roundabout at the Bayside intersection.
- We are continuing the design for stormwater improvements in Shore Acres and the surrounding area to improve water quality in Malletts Bay.
- Work is continuing on the development of a phosphorus control plan to improve water quality in Malletts Bay.
- Bids have been received for the replacement of a large drainage culvert under Hercules Drive that has failed. Work on this project is expected to begin in July-August of this year.
- A grant has been obtained to perform 30% engineering for the replacement of culverts beneath Lower Mt. View Drive.
- Work on the town-wide stormwater system condition assessment is now substantially complete. The information will now be used to develop an asset management program, capital budget, and refine our stormwater system maintenance programs.
- Street sweeping and gravel road maintenance are ongoing.

For more visit <http://colchestervt.gov/publicworks> or call (802) 264-5620.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 PM. Next May meeting: **Monday, 5/20.** *This is a special Wastewater Solutions Forum and will take place at Colchester High School!*

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- **Development Review Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. June meeting: 6/12
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM. Champlain Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. June meeting: 6/12
- **Conservation Commission:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. Next meeting: 5/20
- **Selectboard:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month, 6:30 PM. Next meeting: 5/28
- **Colchester Cemetery Advisory Committee:** 8:00 AM in the Champlain Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Next meeting: TBA
- **Library Trustees:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 4:30-5:30 PM at Burnham Memorial Library. June meeting: 6/20

(All meetings take place at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, in the Outer Bay Conference Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor unless otherwise noted.)

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- **The Colchester Planning Commission** will hold a “Walk and Talk” meeting starting at the Bayside Activity Center in Upper Bayside Park on May 20 at 4:00 PM *and* a Public Forum at 7:00 PM in the Colchester High School Cafeteria to gather public input options for addressing longstanding wastewater issues in the Inner Bay.
- **Legislative Hours:** There is still one more chance to come and meet Colchester Legislators to ask questions or share your thoughts and suggestions. Join us at the Town Meeting House on Sunday, 5/19, 2-3 PM
- **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Colchester Causeway 5K/10K/15K Race:** Saturday, June 1 at Airport Park. Race begins at 8:30 AM. Registration is OPEN! Visit <http://bit.ly/causewayrace> for details.
- **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Colchester Triathlon:** Sunday, July 28, 8:30 AM at Bayside Park. Registration is OPEN! Visit <http://www.colchestertri.com/> for details

Notices:

- **On Thursday, May 16 the Town Clerk’s office will close at 2 PM** so all of the clerks may attend training on the new Vermont Statewide Vital Record software. All other departments will be open as usual.
- **The second Planning Commission meeting in May has been moved to Monday, May 20, 7:00 PM** for a special Wastewater Solutions Forum at Colchester High School.
- Burnham Library will be **closed** on Wednesday May 22 for staff to attend the Vermont Library Association Conference.
- **Colchester Historical Society:** You can find upcoming events, vintage photos, opportunities and more in the Spring 2019 issue of the Colchester Historical Society’s quarterly newsletter. Find it all here: [www.bit.ly/Historical-Society-Newsletter](http://www.bit.ly/Historical-Society-Newsletter)



## Colchester Town News

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*Colchester - What do you want to do today?*

- **The Town Offices** will be **closed** on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.
- **The Town Offices** will be **closed** on Friday, June 7 **from 11:45 AM-2:00 PM** so that our employees may attend an annual event.



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